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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reporting Responsibilities of Military Assistance Personnel

By virtue of their close association with the forces of their host governments, military assistance organizations are in a particularly valuable position to obtain often critical information about the capabilities of these forces. While military assistance organizations are not established as intelligence agencies, they share the responsibility of any governmental entity to report information of potential value to its parent organization. Analysis and dissemination of that information, however, is best accomplished through the intelligence system.

Accordingly, DSAA and DIA are requested to prepare detailed guidance to implement this policy so that intelligence opportunities are not lost. While due consideration must be given to the security of mutually supportive arrangements in the field, the guidance so issued shall not be capable of any interpretation which seems to prohibit fruitful contact between your representatives. Please coordinate your proposed guidance with one another and with the DUSD(PR) prior to issuance.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff should review and change as necessary the guidance contained in JCS SM-389-69 of June 18, 1969 to implement the policy contained herein.

OSD review completed



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